

Board of Selectmen Meeting - Tuesday, August 11, 2015. 7:09p.m.
116 Main Road, Tyringham

Present-- Christopher Johnson, Gerard Miller and Matthew Puntin.
Others present - Molly Curtin-Schaefer & (see attached list)

Mail was read, Treasury warrants were approved, previous minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT: -none-

CHURCH ROAD BID OPENING: 7:15 PM

DelSignor	\$78,844.17
Tri-Town Paving	\$68,840.00
J.H. Maximillion	\$78,327.20
LB Corp.	\$58,653.00
William Paving	\$83.75 per ton/ 8.00 per foot

- Gerard Miller made a motion to take these bids under advisement, Christopher Johnson seconded, no opposition.

SALT USAGE - update: (see attached) Gerard Miller asked that we get a copy of the legislation.

GAS INSPECTOR REQUEST: Gerard Miller made a motion to increase the Gas Inspector fee from \$20.00 to \$40.00-Christopher Johnson seconded, no opposition, unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Gerard Miller made a motion to go into Executive Session under purpose #9 under MGL c.30A s.21 (a) regarding the Tax Collectors health insurance benefits. Roll Call vote taken: Christopher Johnson – yea, Matthew Puntin – yea, Gerard Miller – yea, unanimous. Gerard Miller stated we will reconvene after this subject is discussed.

LIBRARY ROOF UPDATE: Cornelia Gilder gave an update on the findings of the Historical Commission's investigation into the Library Roof. (see attached)

NEXT STEPS: The town needs to get a roof report and estimate for the cost to repair by a recognized preservation architect.

The Board will hold a Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 at 7 pm to vote the \$70,016.00 out of a stabilization account into a special article so this money could be used along with the emergency matching funds from the Massachusetts Historic Commission. Any stabilization vote requires a 2/3 Town vote. A discussion

ensued regarding the storage of valuable articles, documents etc. Molly to look into a storage container.

ASSESSORS OFFICE:

Gerard Miller made a motion to appoint Roger Ketron to fill the unexpired vacancy on the Assessors Board, Christopher Johnson seconded. Matthew Puntin opposed. Roger stated he knows Microsoft office and he has experience in hiring. He wants to help out the Town. Mark Curtin asked why the qualified person was not appointed to this office? Gerard Miller stated because he was certified in 1970 he was not sure if that carried into 2015 and he wanted fresh blood to get involved. Everett Fennelly asked the Board if Roger Ketron was a Veteran. He further stated that the bill of rights gives preference to Veterans and Mr. Fennelly is one.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT:

GRADE: George Canon Road has a 20% grade and sharp curves. Noah Choquette will post this road with the proper signage.

STONEBRIDE WAYS: Noah Choquette asked if the board wanted to use calcium on the road? Noah has heard good and bad and he will look into this matter further. Matthew Puntin asked that we use calcium in the bid as an alternate.

TOOLS: Noah asked if he could purchase new tools with the vote of money from Annual Town meeting, this was approved by the Board.

MONTEREY ROAD: Noah asked about paving near the Tyringham/Monterey town line; Noah will speak to the Road Superintendent in Monterey to see if they can work together on this.

REQUEST OF ROOM: Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife asked to use the upstairs meeting room on September 29th (9 am – 1:00 pm. 20-40 people). This was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm.


Gerard Miller, Chairman


Christopher Johnson, Clerk


Matthew Puntin, Member

Salt

August 4, 2015

I spoke with the Town of Boxford Town Administrator, Alan Benson concerning the road salt study that was done there.

I asked if it would be possible to get a copy of the study. The study is not public at this time. The salt contamination was along Rte. 95, this is plowed and salted by MA DOT. The MA DOT actually has a Salt Remediation Department. There is legislation concerning salt contamination. The study in Boxford was done and paid for by the State. It was ordered by the State Legislators. The matter went to court as the Town of Boxford was not happy with the results. And so the town acted as an advocate for the residents.

There were 4 or 5 firms that could do the study. One was CBM Smith out of Cambridge and another that would be less expensive is Weston and Sampson Engineers, they have multiple locations in MA CT NH. MA DOT has done other studies in the state.

There are alternative application processes. Some small towns pretreat the roads with a liquid calcium which forms a barrier and then less salt can be used. The State had to drill multiple new wells on one property in Boxford that was testing heavily for salt. It tested at Ocean level salt. It takes a long time for salt to be cleaned out of ground. The salt as well as being a health threat can hurt appliances etc. Another solution some towns are looking at is an electronic salt opening on the trucks that dispenses salt with the speed of the truck. In other words, when the truck slows down less salt is dispensed than when the truck is on a straight and is going faster. This solution would cost a few thousand dollars. There are tanks that can be mounted on trucks to hold liquid calcium that would dispense with the salt helping the salt to stay on the road.

Mr. Benson said that there is legislation pertaining to this. And that our State Representatives are aware of the problem and the legislation.

Mimi Crandall

**Daniel Collins
Gas Inspector
Town of Tyringham**

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Dan Collins

Subject: Fee increase

Date: July 29, 2015

I am writing to request an increase of Gas Inspector fees. Currently the fee is \$20.00 per inspection. I am requesting the fee be increased to \$40.00 per inspection.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Collins', written over a horizontal line.

**Daniel Collins
Gas Inspector**

Tyringham Historical Commission - Library roof update - Aug 11, 2015

July 31- Meeting of Historical Commission members with building inspector Larry Gould and architect John Herrera to discuss the roof and particularly approaches to insulating it either from above or inside. Strong consensus that the terra cotta roof tiles are important, that the profile of the soffit and fascia should not be altered with exterior insulation, and that the insulation should be achieved from interior. Group studied sample tiles in storage in the basement of the Library.

August 5 - Massachusetts Historical Commission determines the Library is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. "The 1902-1905 building has served continuously as the town library and, since 1973, as the post office...Its fieldstone walls and terra cotta tile roof have retained integrity and greatly contribute to the building's character, as have its stone fireplace and wooden appointments, which were created by local craftsmen. Its unique design, choice of material, and location in the center of town all make the Library an important building in Tyringham. Every effort should be made to retain these elements."

Mass Historical Commission recommends;

- 1) Town get a roof report and estimate for costs to repair the roof by a recognized preservation architect. (list of possible architects supplied)
- 2) Apply for emergency matching funds from MHC. The state funds must be matched dollar for dollar over a three year period.

What application procedure involves

- 1) one page application with the architect's report, estimate, and photos showing the emergency need.
- 2) town proceeds with a full nomination for the listing of the building on the National Register.
- 3) town agrees "to enter into a preservation restriction with MHC to perform work in accordance with standard historic preservation practices"

Longer range suggestions by the Tyringham Historical Commission:

- 1) "Friends of Tyringham Library" be formed to assist the town and Library Trustees in fundraising.
- 2) Full professional study of the artifacts, art and furniture in the collection of the Library and arrangements made for their care.

Preservation architects recommended by the MHC

Harry Pisila Architects (worked on the Lee Public Library project involving Spanish tile roofing)

(413) 281-0409

Jablonski DeVriese Architects

Springfield, MA

(413) 747-5285

Juster Pope Frazier Architects

Northampton, MA

(413) 586-1600

Ford Gillen Architects

Amherst, MA

(413) 256-1553

Tom Douglas Architects

Northampton, MA (413) 585-0641

John G. Waite Associates (currently working on Norfolk CT Library terra cotta roof)

Albany, NY

(518) 449-5440

Mesick Cohen Wilson Baker Architects (advised on elevator installation in Tyringham Town Hall, Tyringham Union Church c.2000)

Albany, NY

(518) 433-9394

BOARD OF SELECTMEN / BOARD OF HEALTH

Date: August 11, 2015

TIME - _____ NAME - _____

7:00 Pm	Robert St. Pierre
"	Don Punnett
"	Noah Choquette
"	Mark J. Curtis
"	Nini Gilder
"	Roger Ketron
"	Denise Curtin
"	Kate Van Orman
"	Mary Garner
"	Alice Hale
"	McGie Howard
7:45	Cathia Grace Hambrecht